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1. NO REPLY HAS BEEN RECEIVED TO AUG. 2 MESSAGE (REFTEL) FROM SUB-GROUP HEAD ROBERT V. MILLER OF NOAA TO SOVIET SUB-GROUP HEAD ZEMSKY OF VNIRO. EMBASSY SHOULD NOTE THAT US SIDE IS NOW PREPARED TREAT MARINE MAMMALS AS SEPARATE FROM OTHER PROJECTS UNDER AREA V OF AGREEMENT. SINCE ZEMSKY HAS BEEN IN SEPARATE COMMUNICATION WITH MILLER, OUR ASSUMPTION IS THAT SOVIET SIDE ALSO WISHES HANDLE THIS GROUP SEPARATELY. THEREFORE MARINE MAMMALS WOULD NOT BE COVERED AT OCTOBER AREA V MEETING WITH KRINITSKY AND OTHERS (STATE 185512 AND PREVIOUS). EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO VERIFY THIS UNDERSTANDING WITH ZEMSKY (SINCE KRINITSKY IS ON VACATION) AND WITH HYDROMET. PRESENT MESSAGE FROM MILLER TO ZEMSKY IS PREDICATED ON UNDERSTANDING THAT SOVIETS STILL PLANNING FOR SEPARATE MARINE MAMMAL MEETING. MESSAGE FOLLOWS:

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2. DEAR DR. ZEMSKY:

WE APPRECIATE THE CONTRIBUTION OF DR. FEDOSEEV AND DR. GOLTSEV TO THE ALPHA HELIX EXPEDITION AND BELIEVE THIS SUCCESSFUL COOPERATION AUGURS WELL FOR THE FUTURE. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR NEXT MEETING TO PLAN FURTHER COOPERATION IN MARINE MAMMALS. WE HAVE NOT YET HAD A REPLY TO MY MESSAGE TO YOU OF EARLY AUGUST, AND IF WE ARE TO PREPARE FOR OUR MEETING PROPERLY WILL NEED WORD FROM YOU BY OCTOBER 15.

3. AFTER CANVASSING US PARTICIPANTS, WE FIND THAT CONFLICTS MAKE WEEK OF NOV. 25 IMPOSSIBLE FOR MANY, AND WE NOW WISH TO PROPOSE WEEK OF DEC. 3-7 FOR OUR MEETING. (IF YOU WISH TO CONSIDER FIELD TRIP WITHIN U.S. FOLLOWING MEETING, WE CAN DISCUSS THIS POSSIBILITY.) AFTER CANVASSING PARTICIPANTS, WE HAVE DECIDED THAT WASHINGTON IS PREFERABLE TO SEATTLE AS SITE. (DURING MEETING WE WILL LEAVE TIME FOR SOME SIGHTSEEING IN WASHINGTON AREA, OF COURSE.)

4. WE PARTICULARLY REGRET THAT STRINGENT BUDGETARY SITUATION AT PRESENT TIME MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO HANDLE THIS VISIT ON "RECEIVING SIDE PAYS BASIS." WE WILL HAVE TO REQUEST THAT SOVIET DELEGATES PAY THEIR OWN INTERNAL TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATIONS.

5. WE WISH TO SUGGEST FOLLOWING AS PRINCIPAL AREAS OF DISCUSSION, AND INVITE ANY ADDITIONAL OR ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTIONS SOVIET SIDE HAS:

(1) EXCHANGE OF CATCH STATISTICS AND BIOLOGICAL DATA ON BERING SEA AND ARCTIC MARINE MAMMALS, PRIMARILY WALRUS, ICE SEALS, AND GRAY AND BOWHEAD WHALES. THIS WOULD INCLUDE EXCHANGE OF PUBLICATIONS.

(2) EXCHANGE OF CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS AND THEIR INTERPRETATION.

(3) STANDARDIZATION OF METHODS OF COLLECTING DATA ON ICE SEALS, INCLUDING MEASUREMENTS, WEIGHTS, AGE, ETC.

(4) DISCUSSION OF ICE SEAL AND BOWHEAD WHALE FIELD RESEARCH FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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1974-5, INCLUDING ASSESSMENT OF POPULATION, DISTRIBUTION, MOVEMENTS, ETC.

(5) EVALUATING TECHNOLOGY FOR ASSESSMENT OF WALRUS IN RELATION TO DYNAMICS OF PACK ICE.

(6) FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS OF SYSTEMATICS AND DISTRIBUTION OF NORTH PACIFIC HARBOR SEALS (PHOCA VITULINA).

(7) RESIDUAL TOXICANTS AND THEIR METABOLISM IN MARINE MAMMALS.

(8) STUDIES OF FUNCTIONAL MORPHOLOGY AND TROPHO-ENERGETICS OF MARINE MAMMALS (6 AND 8 CONTINUE SIGNIFICANT STUDIES BEGUN IN ALPHA HELIX EXPEDITION).

(9) EXCHANGE OF SCIENTISTS UNDER ABOVE AREAS.

6. WE WILL HOPE TO RECEIVE THE NAMES OF YOUR DELEGATION AND OTHER INFORMATION BY OCT 15.

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